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PILLS OF DEFUNCT MINISTRY STILL ON SALE -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 28 Aug 50

According to advertisements, Moscow drugstores are selling the following items without doctor's prescription:

1. "Ascopphen" for neuralgic and rheumatic pain. 6 tablets to the box. Moscow Chemical and Pharmaceutical Plant No 9, Main Administration of the Medicinal Preparations Industry, Ministry of Medical Industry USSR.

The Ministry of Medical Industry USSR was officially abolished by Decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet USSR dated 1 March 1948. This abolition was not announced until 17 March 1949, at which time it was stated that the abolition decree had been confirmed on 14 March 1949 (Pravda, 17 March 1949). Contrary to the usual practice in such cases, it was not stated what ministry or ministries were to take over the functions of the ministry being abolished.

2. "Cephalgin" for headaches. 6 tablets to the box. Voronezh Pharmaceutical Plant, Main Administration of the Medical Industry, Ministry of Health USSR.

3. "Asphen" for rheumatic and neuralgic pain; also a febrifuge. Moscow Chemical and Pharmaceutical Plant No 9, Main Administration of the Medical Industry, Ministry of Health USSR. [Note that in Item 1 above, this plant is assigned to the Ministry of Medical Industry USSR].

4. "Urosal," a diuretic and disinfectant for the urinary tract. Galen Drug Factory, Moscow City Drug Administration.

5. "Urostreptin" for grippe. Main Administration of the Medical Industry, Ministry of Health USSR.

6. "Streptourocaffeine," a remedy and prophylactic for grippe. 10 tablets to the box. Dose: one tablet two or three times a day. Kazan' Chemical and Pharmaceutical Plant, Main Administration of the Medical Industry, Ministry of Health USSR.

CHEMICAL INDUSTRY NEEDS PERSONNEL -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 24 Aug 50

The Main Administration of the Chemical Industry of the Ministry of Chemical Industry RSFSR is in need of chemical engineers, economists, and account auditors. Apply to 74 Bakuninskaya Ulitsa, telephone E 1-13-06, personnel department. -- Advertisement

REQUIRES CHEMICAL WORKERS -- Vil'nyus, Sovetskaya Litva, 29 Aug 50

The Kaunas Paper Factory imeni Yu. Yanonis needs, for permanent work, a director for the chemical laboratory, a chemical engineer, and a chief for the Department of Capital Construction. Living quarters are provided. Apply at Kaunas, Petrashyunay. -- Advertisement

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